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December 30, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000249 - Puddingstone Channel Invert Access Ramp, City of La Verne (5), EDT Engineering Company, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$11,611.20, and a final contract amount of \$175,055.12.

Project ID No. FCC0000250 - Oakglade Debris Basin and Ruby Debris Basin Enlargement, City of Monrovia (5), Terra-Cal Construction, Inc., with a final contract amount of \$948,682.11.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID No. FCC0000249.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amount is a credit of \$11,611.20, while the total values of the contracts are \$175,055.12 and \$948,682.11 respectively.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000249, PUDDINGSTONE CHANNEL INVERT ACCESS  
RAMP (City of La Verne), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: EDT Engineering Company, Inc., 23341 Del Lago Drive, Laguna Hills,  
California 92653

Project Description:

Reinforced concrete channel invert access ramp and retaining wall.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$ 1,443.30
(2) Modified Water Diversion Plan	(13,834.50)
(3) Concrete Gutter	<u>780.00</u>
Total	<u>(\$11,611.20)</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It was unnecessary for the contractor to divert water around this project as required by the plans because an upstream dam was storing the water. However, the contractor did provide an extensive temporary structure to protect the project. The credit reflects the difference in cost between the original diversion plans and the modified protection structure.

(3) In order to provide proper drainage, it was necessary for the contractor to provide a concrete gutter. This work is not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 and a portion of the cost for Item 2 were based on contract unit prices. The balance of the cost for Item 2 and the cost for Item 3 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Four additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on October 1, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$186,666.32
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(11,611.20)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$175,055.12</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000250, OAKGLADE DEBRIS BASIN AND RUBY DEBRIS  
BASIN ENLARGEMENT (City of Monrovia), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Terra-Cal Construction, Inc., 14530 Joanbridge Street, Baldwin Park,  
California 91706

Project Description:

Construction of reinforced concrete retaining walls and slabs, grading and paving of an  
access road, installation of a chainlink fence, and planting of shrubs.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on January 16, 2003, in accordance with the plans  
and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the  
length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to  
close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$635,472.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by your Board	<u>313,210.11</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$948,682.11</u>

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